

I am writing in support of an exemption for tax-exempt organizations for the pending regulations prohibiting faxes of unsolicited advertisements unless there is prior express written permission from each recipient.

Our community-based, not-for-profit hospice is in the initial stages of marketing several products directly related to our mission and goals. These include an educational course for professionals and lay people on talking with people who are dying, a management training program for corporate supervisors on dealing with caregiving or grieving employees, and a consult service for people with chronic or life-threatening illnesses and their families. Faxes to other hospices or local corporate supporters could be a significant part of our advancement efforts for these programs. Having to obtain prior express permission to fax individual recipients with information on these different programs would put an almost impossible burden on our non-profit organization.

While we are sympathetic to the program of proliferation of unsolicited faxes, we hope the FCC will address the concerns of tax-exempt, social service organizations trying to carry out their mission in a timely, cost-effective manner.